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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

RALPH LOPEZ,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 04-10476

D.C. No. CR-04-00698-DCB

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Arizona David C. Bury, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 5, 2005**

Before: GOODWIN, W. FLETCHER and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

Ralph Lopez appeals from the 18-month sentence imposed after his guilty-plea conviction to conspiracy to transport illegal aliens, in violation of 8 U.S.C. \$\$ 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I) and (a)(1)(B)(i).

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^{**} This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

We dismiss in light of the valid appeal waiver. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000) (stating that an appeal waiver is valid when it is entered into knowingly and voluntarily); *see also United States v. Cardenas*, 405 F.3d 1046, 1048 (9th Cir. 2005) (holding that the changes in sentencing law imposed by *United States v. Booker*, 125 S. Ct. 738 (2005), did not render waiver of appeal involuntary and unknowing).

DISMISSED.